



## Requirements for Pre-Kindergarten Program Enterers

All children entering an approved pre-kindergarten (“Pre-K”) classroom must have age appropriate immunizations<sup>1</sup> upon enrollment as mandated by state law.<sup>2</sup> The following chart shows the **minimum** number of doses for each vaccine required for entry.<sup>2</sup>

<p><b>Hepatitis B</b> <b>3 doses</b> Final dose at age 24 weeks or older</p>
<p><b>Diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis vaccine (DTaP)</b> <b>4 doses</b> Booster dose after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday is <u>not</u> required</p>
<p><b>Varicella</b> <b>1 dose</b> After child’s 1<sup>st</sup> birthday</p>
<p><b>Inactivated polio virus (IPV)</b> <b>3 doses</b> Booster dose after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday is <u>not</u> required</p>
<p><b>Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR)</b> <b>1 dose</b> After child’s 1<sup>st</sup> birthday</p>

Students may be provisionally enrolled in Pre-K with at least one dose of each required vaccine and allowed up to eight months, if necessary for minimum intervals, to obtain up-to-date status. The WVDHHR, Bureau for Public Health recommends that vaccine doses administered 4 days or fewer before the minimum interval or age be considered valid.

**For questions, contact the Division of Immunization Services at 1-800-642-3634.**

<sup>1</sup>Applicable immunization schedules can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov> by searching “Immunization Schedules.” <sup>2</sup> [West Virginia Code § 16-3-4](#) and [WVDHHR interpretative rule 64CSR95](#).